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In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 3, the ninth full paragraph has been amended as follow:.

Figure 1 shows a closed folding box (10) in the shape of a parallelepiped with an attachment flap (51) that is not integral with the box. Folding box (10) has four side walls in the form of front panel (11), bottom panel (15), back panel (21) and top panel (25) (11, 15, 21, 25), of which two each are arranged parallel to one another. Side walls (11, 15, 21, 25) form a type of square tube, cf. Figure 5, which is sealed on both sides by flaps that form a first side panel (31) and a second side panel (33) (31, 35) that are attached to side back wall (21).

The last paragraph bridging page 3 and 4 has been amended as follows:

Figure 3 depicts folding box (10) ~~being~~ laid out flat as a matrix (1). ~~After this,~~ folding box (10) ~~consists~~ consisting of a single, **one-part** cardboard **blank**, whose fibers are preferably oriented in lengthwise direction (2) of matrix (1). The cardboard has, for example, a specific weight of about 250 g/m². It is printed at least in certain areas and coated with a transparent paint. Side walls (11, 15, 21, 25) are central components of folding box (10) that are arranged behind one another from the left to the right. Rectangular side walls (11, 15, 21, 25) that are adjacent to one another are delimited from one another by corresponding parallel grooves (71-73). The area of grooves (71-73) or the material that directly surrounds the latter forms the lengthwise edges of the box in finished folding box (10). All grooves that are incorporated in the cardboard of matrix (1) are located on the smooth top side of the cardboard.

On page 4, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

On large side wall (21), bottom flap (31) and cover flap (35) are arranged in the area of the short side edges or grooves (75, 76). Both flaps (31, 35) end in inserts (32, 36). Relative to

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flaps (31, 35), inserts (32, 36) are delimited in turn in each case by a groove (33, 37). On the two-sided ends of grooves (33, 37) are located angular punch-outs (34, 38) that prevent flaps (or side panel 31, 35) (~~31, 35~~) from penetrating inside folding box (10) when folding box (10) is closed by attaching to short side edges (77, 78).

On page 4, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

According to Figure 3, cover flap side panel (35) (~~31, 35~~) has a field with a cross-hatched border. In this area, the cardboard is unpainted to be able to print variable data on it – if necessary, e.g., after the filling.

On page 4, the last full paragraph has been amended as follows:

On small side walls (bottom panel 15) (~~15~~) and (top panel 25) (~~25~~) that are placed on both sides in addition to large side wall (back panel 21) (~~21~~), in each case, e.g., seven-edged side flaps (in the form of tabs 16, 17, 26, 27) (~~16, 17; 26, 27~~) close upward and downward according to Figure 3. Also here, e.g., grooves (81-84) form a limit between side flaps (in the form of tabs 16, 17, 26, 27) (~~16, 17; 26, 27~~) and side walls (or the form of bottom and top panels 15, 25) (~~15, 25~~). With the aid of the latter, the small side edges of finished, closed folding box (10) are formed.

On page 5, the first full paragraph has been amended as follows:

In the embodiment according to Figure 3, a so-called sealing flap (40) is arranged on the left outside edge of large side wall (in the form of front panels 11) (~~11~~), which is ~~depicted~~ connected by a groove (45). Sealing flap (40), which, after folding box (10) is formed, comes to rest inside on small side wall (in the form of top panel 25) (~~25~~) ~~here~~, is somewhat smaller in area in lengthwise direction (2) and crosswise direction than side wall (25) with which it is in contact. In lengthwise direction, e.g., it is about 15% shorter, while in crosswise direction, for example, it is about 10% ~~more narrow~~ narrower. Sealing flap (40) has two side edges (43, 44) that are, for

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example, shifted to the rear in parallel relative to short side edges (77, 78) of the front panel 11.
The short side edges (77, 78) are free edges in that they are not attached to any additional box structure.

On page 5, after the last paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

The grooves 45, 71, 72, 75, 76, 73 and 57 each form seams which join the panels 11, 15, 21 and 25, side flaps 31 and 35, sealing flap 40 and attachment flap 51 to form the unitary matrix 1.

On page 6, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

Two outside sections (61) and (65) can alternately be connected to one another via a connecting bridge (91). This connecting bridge (91) has an outside edge (92) that is depicted in dots and dashes in Figure 3 and a perforation (93) as a boundary to attachment flap (51). Connecting bridge (91) is optionally also bonded to side wall (21) as is seen in dotted lines 91', Fig. 1.

On page 7, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

To fill folding box (10), matrix (1) that is bonded to the square tube is moved flat, as in Fig. 6, from a warehouse to the filling area. In flat folding box (10), side walls (21) and (25) here lie directly on the filling area. Long side chain (73) is in transport direction at the front, while side chain (72) is at the back, cf. Figure 2.

On page 7, the last full paragraph has been amended as follows:

In front-side filling, for example via cover flap (31), a holding slide is moved into the inside of the box via the opening of bottom flap (35). In the opposite direction, the contents, e.g., a stack of at least one filled tablet blister, a package insert, a brochure and a weekday label, is

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pushed against the holding slide by means of a transport slide. After the stack is placed on the holding slide, the contents are placed in the middle in the assembled folding box. As soon as the slides retract from the folding box area, the folding box is sealed by closing flaps (31) and (35). Insert flaps Flaps (32) and (36) are bent during closing by more than a 90-degree angle. When folding box (10) is closed, the flaps adjoin side wall (21).